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Board of Trustees

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month
7 p.m.; Civic Building, McPicken Dr.

Zoning Commission

1st Thursday of each month
7:30 p.m.; Civic Building, McPicken Dr.

Board of Zoning Appeals

1st Monday of each month
7:30 p.m.; Civic Building, McPicken Dr.

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LET IT SNOW: Township is ready

Service Department strives for clean, safe streets this winter

Miami Township's Service Department is ready when the first snowflake falls to the ground this winter.

After a rough winter last year that saw many communities fail to properly clean its streets after heavy snowfall in December, Miami Township is again leading the pack for snowfighting innovations.

"We take great pride in having our streets in the Township clean and safe for our residents," said Walt Fischer, Miami Township's Service Director.

The Service Department employees who maintain and repair the Township's roads and infrastructure, as well as parks and facilities during the summer months, turn to snow clearing in the winter months using plows, salt and other techniques to clean the roads.

"Snow removal is considered a 'Top Priority' for the Township," said Mary Makley Wolff, Chairperson of the Miami Township Board of Trustees. "We realize that if we do

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Miami Township has an ample supply of road salt for the upcoming winter snow season. The Township stores the salt in a dome. Service Director Walt Fischer (right) checks out the mountain of salt, while Foreman John Zellner (below) checks on a snow plow that was installed.



New signs welcome guests to Miami Township

Volunteers helped erect signs throughout Miami Township. Back row: Kathi Frenzel, Don and Annette Hartley, Paul Cooper; front: Matthew, Stacey & Michael Zeschin, Kyle Hall, Max Hartley, Chandler and Betina Cooper, Scott Frenzel. Not pictured: Connor & Meredith Marshall.

**Miami Township
PARKS & Recreation**
Something for Everyone!

Check inside for new programs and classes:

- Fitness & Recreation
- Senior Citizens
- Kids Programs
- Infants & Toddlers
- Adult Education

'TIS THE SEASON: Service Dept. vs. Snow

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not clear the streets and make them safe for our residents, most of them can not get to work and school. It's a very important part of what we do in the Township."

Snow plowing is considered one of the most difficult jobs in the Township.

"Driving a snowplow or other snow removal equipment is hard work," said Trustee Ed Humphrey. "It requires driving for long hours in the worst of conditions. But the Service Department is committed to providing safe travel for motorists, and for our drivers."

The Township is divided into 10 snow routes covering more than 138 center lane road miles. The routes are designed to treat hills and dangerous curves first. The remainder of the route is followed street by street until it is completed.

"It takes approximately 4.5 hours for a driver to salt their

route and more than twice as long to plow the same roads," said Clerk Eric Ferry.

"Streets not cleared by the Township include state and county roads, private streets, shopping areas, and certain private neighborhoods," said Trustee Ken Tracy.

Private driveways and entrances are the responsibility of the residential owner, occupant, community association, or business for snow removal."

To reduce the problem of snow being plowed back into driveways, snow should be shoveled into yards rather than into the street.

Once the snow accumulation reaches a depth of three inches or more, plows are attached to the trucks.

Miami Township uses a combination of rock salt and calcium chloride to treat township roads. Salt brine will prevent or reduce the bonding of

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Miami Township uses a salt-brine solution to pre-treat certain roads before a snow storm in order to prevent the roads from icing and freezing.

Go Inside a snowplow ...



Think you can handle a large snowplow? It takes dozens of hours of training to operate a large truck with a plow attached. Besides steering the vehicle, the plow controls are numerous, as well as the salt distribution controls, pictured below.



Tips on Shoveling



- Dress for the occasion.** Wearing clothing in layers is usually best because it allows better evaporation of perspiration. Shoes, boots or overshoes should have rubber soles to reduce slipping and falling.
- Use a lightweight shovel** made of aluminum that has a Teflon coating. If the shovel doesn't have a Teflon coating, rub the surface with paraffin (wax) or coat it with a silicon spray. These surface conditioners prevent snow buildup and save time and effort.
- Use a shovel of modest size.** Don't try to heap the snow on the shovel. The weight of the load lifted -- rather than the number of movements made -- is the key to overexertion. Lightening the load reduces the strain on stomach, back and abdominal muscles, chest cavity and circulatory demand on heart walls.
- When lifting the shovel,** use the entire body, letting the back and legs share the work. If the snow is deep, take small loads.
- Don't keep working to the point of exhaustion.** Take frequent rests and go inside to warm. Cold and overexertion are hard on the heart.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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 compacted snow to the pavement surface. But once temperatures fall below 25 degrees, or traffic is too light to activate the chemicals, the salt is treated with calcium chloride to ensure an effective treatment in temperatures below zero.

One of the many resources to help reduce the cost of de-icing agents is ground-sensing equipment installed in each salt truck. A black box controls and monitors the amount of salt and calcium chloride dispensed as the truck speeds up and slows down.

Automatic Vehicle Locating equipment is now in its third year. AVL equipment records the GPS coordinates of the salt truck, as well as download and forward the application data from the ground sensing equipment. This information will be monitored via the Intrenet by Township officials.

The computer will display

a map of the Township showing the “real time” location of all salt trucks and is updated every 10 seconds.



Residents can obtain more information on Snow Removal progress from the Miami Township Tele-Vision (channel 15, cable ready; channel 8, digital) or from our website, www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov

From The Director

The snowplows are on our trucks, waiting for the first storm. Are you ready for winter driving?

Here are some tips to help you on your way this season:

- Pre-prepare your car for winter. Check your car's antifreeze, oil, battery, defroster, heater, wipers, washer fluid and level; inspect the tires to be sure there is adequate tread, check air pressure to ensure proper inflation.



Walt Fischer

- Take time to remove all ice and snow from your car, concentrating on the windows, wipers, mirrors and lights. To reduce the chance of snow flying off your vehicle while driving, remove snow and ice from the front grill, hood and roof. Good visibility is essential for a safe journey. You need to see and be seen by others.

- Be sure to buckle up and require your passengers to do the same.

When a snow emergency is declared, make every effort to avoid driving or allow extra time to get where you are going. Keep your parked cars off the street, and away from cul-de-sac areas so we can get plows in quickly and clear your streets. Keep in mind that when roadways are icy or snow covered, you should never expect to drive as you would during clear weather or on dry road surfaces.

How residents can help snowplow drivers

Residents can help to make snow removal much easier, safer and less frustrating for everyone by following these tips.

- If possible, park your vehicles off the street when it starts to snow. When this is not possible, an alternative would be for the neighborhood to organize and park on just one side of the street. A snowplow needs a minimum road width of 15 feet to maneuver safely. If vehicles are parked on both sides of the street, the snowplow cannot operate.

- While it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear their driveway and entrances, please avoid shoveling the snow into the street. The snowplow operator cannot control the snow coming off the edge of the plow blade. By shoveling the snow into the yard, you reduce any frustration of the snowplow re-covering the driveway entrance with snow after you have just shoveled.



- Take time to remove all ice and snow from your car, concentrating on the windows, wipers, mirrors and lights. To reduce the chance of snow flying off your vehicle while driving, remove the snow from the front grill, hood and roof. Good visibility is essential for a safe journey. You need to be seen by other drivers.

- When a snow emergency is declared, please allow for extra time for driving. Even though the salt trucks have been treating roads,

drivers must exercise reasonable judgment in consideration of current road conditions.

- Please do not pass a snowplow truck. Every truck has blind spots, which reduces side and rear visibility. Blowing snow and snow coming off the plow further reduces the driver's visibility. If you must pass, make sure you properly signal and allow the snowplow operator plenty of time to acknowledge your intentions.

- Increase following distance between your vehicle and others. When following a salt truck allow for a safe distance for salt distribution and visibility by the operator. If you cannot see the truck's mirrors, the operator cannot see you. By keeping a safe following distance, you have more time to react to sudden stops, regain control in the event the car starts to skid, and reduce the chances of loose material flying up and hitting your vehicle.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Imagine Miami — VISION2025

Miami Township has a plan: now what happens?

In November 2004, the Board of Trustees adopted the Imagine Miami VISION 2025 Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The plan provides a shared vision of what Miami Township could be 20 years from now. This plan is Miami Township's guide to development and redevelopment.

So, how do we achieve our vision?

The Land Use Plan contains some recommendations for implementing our plan.

1. Evaluate the Zoning Resolution and the Zoning Map to determine the most effective means to implement the Land Use Plan. Where a land use

plan is the guidebook, zoning is the tool to implement the plan.

2. Where appropriate use the vision and goals in the Plan to shape future Township policies.

3. Maintain existing partnerships and form new ones with the private business community and development community. It is important to educate the private sector to ensure they share the same vision as the community. It will

be the private sector that will take land use plans from paper to reality.

4. Pursue grant funding and creative financing opportunities to finance needed infrastructure improvements.

5. Target infrastructure improvements as an incentive to implement the plan, particularly redevelopment opportunities.

The VISION2025 Plan will not be a static document. The plan will be reviewed on an annual basis to evaluate progress toward or variance from the Plan's vision and goals. There will also be a comprehensive review every five years to see if additional updates are required or if new or unexpected issues need to be addressed.

The Township would like to thank the many people that participated in the planning process – those that served on the steering committee, those that attended the public meetings and those that returned surveys, sent e-mails or otherwise made their opinion known on how to shape the future of Miami Township.

You can view the entire VISION2025 Plan on-line at the Miami Township web site – www.miamitownshipoh.gov/comm_dev/landuseplan/vision2025.

Please contact Larry Fronk, Community Development Director at 248-3725 or Larry.Fronk@MiamiTownshipOH.gov.



From The Director

Nov. 8 was World Planning Day. This obscure, unknown holiday, celebrates the importance of planning in shaping our communities.

So, what is the state of planning today and what are some of the current trends?

The importance of planning seems to be getting stronger in the United States, particularly



Larry Fronk

on the local level. Local government leaders and community residents are recognizing the importance of planning as a means to address either growth or redevelopment issues.

Planning is a way to bring an entire community together to address the issues, to create a shared vision and to develop a plan to achieve that vision. Planners are the facilitators of a process that takes a community's vision from an idea and puts it to paper. The plan becomes the foundation upon which the community is built.

There are many new terms circulating in the planning profession including New Urbanism and Smart Growth. Regardless of the terms, what today's planners are trying to achieve are livable communities with a sense of place.

Plans developed for communities are long range and sometimes the results of those plans take years to implement. It is important to stay the course and stay true to the shared vision. Patience and persistence need to be virtues of all planners.

Miami Township is a great community. With the plans we have in place, including the VISION2025 Plan, Miami Township will become an even greater community.



Miami Township Trustees Mary Makley Wolff (above) and Ed Humphrey (below) talk with residents at the VISION2025 meeting in October.



Miami Township **PARKS & Recreation**

Something for Everyone!

Fitness

Learn Belly Dancing

Mon, Jan 2-30; and/or Mon; Feb 6-27; 6-7 p.m.; LH at CP; \$55/res per session, \$60/non-res. Learn basic American Belly Dance foundational movements.

Youth Open Basketball

Session I: Wed, Feb 8-Mar 29;
Session II Apr 5- May 31; (no class April 12); 7-9 p.m.; MJHS gym; \$10/ session. Basketball is geared for kids in grades 5-8.

Men's Open Basketball

Check our website for information.

Splash into Shallow-Water

MHS pool; \$60/both days, \$36/one day. Warm Up, cardio-tone, ease-down, toning/stretching/relaxation. Tuesdays and Fridays, 12:15-1p.m.; Session II: Jan 10-Mar 17
Session III: Mar 21-June 2.

Splash into DEEP-Water

MHS pool; \$60/both days, \$36/one day. DEEP-water aerobic program. Tues and Fridays, 11:30-12:15 p.m.; Session II: Jan 10-Mar 17
Session III: Mar 21-June 2.



Yoga Basics

LH at CP; \$60/six weeks, \$12/class
Tuesday Classes, 10-11:30 a.m.:
Session 3: Jan 10-Feb 14
Session 4: Feb 28-April 4
Session 5: April 18-May 23
Wednesday Classes, 5:30-7 p.m.:
Session 3: Jan 11-Feb 15;
Session 4: Mar 1-April 5;
Session 5: April 19-May 24.

Yoga Beyond Basics

LH at CP; \$60/six weeks, \$12/class
Wednesday Classes, 7-8:30 p.m.;
Session 3: Jan 11-Feb 15;
Session 4: Mar 1-April 5;
Session 5: April 19-May 24.

Girls Slow Pitch Softball Sign-Ups; ages 9-14

Sat, Jan 21, Feb 4, or Mar 4; 9-noon; LH at CP; \$65. Season runs from May 1-June 30;

Adult Tae Kwon Do

Thur, Jan 19-Feb 16 or Feb 23-Mar 23; 7-8 p.m.; Smith Elem.; \$30/res, \$35/non-res. TKD improves self-esteem, concentration and physical condition. No jewelry, please.

Adult & Child Tennis Lessons

Mon & Wed, May 1-17; 5-6 p.m., (ages 7-9); 6-7p.m., (ages 10-12);
Tue & Thur, May 2-18; 5-6 p.m.; (ages 13-17); 6-7p.m., (adults);
CP tennis courts; \$40/3-week session; Community Park on Buckwheat Road.

More Inside ...



Ski Trip



Tae Kwon Do



Toddlers

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From The Director

As we bunker down for the long, cold, dreary days of winter and early spring, we have been busy here at the Recreation Dept. planning some new programs and events to keep you active and engaged.

We have programs for all ages, from our exciting new Pre-school series, which have themes that focus on sensory, make-believe, educational and physical activities, to our Friday night Open Swim nights at the Milford High School Pool, and Family Open Recreation night in March. Our Adult Education program offered in conjunction with the Milford School District is offering some new classes this winter in addition to our current ones.

Lastly for those avid readers who would like to recycle their reading materials, we are having a Book Swap, with assistance from the Clermont County Library. With so many recreation programs in place you are sure to find something for everyone in the family.



Krystin Thibodeau

Visit us online at

www.MiamiTownshipOh.gov

for more info on
programs and events

LH: Leming House at Comm Park
CP: Community Park Pavillion
MMP: Miami Meadows Pavillion

MML: Miami Meadows Lakeside Pav.
MR: Miami Riverview Park Pav.
PR: Paxton Ramsey Pavillion

SMITH: Smith Elementary School
StMarks: St. Mark's Lutheran School

ADULT EDUCATION

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MILFORD EXEMPTED SCHOOLS

To register, please fill out a registration form and mail or drop off with your check to: Miami Township Recreation, 5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150. Direct your questions to 248-3725, ext. 116. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

Digital Photography

Thur, Jan 19-Feb 16 (no class 1/26) or Mar 2-30 (no class 3/9); 7-8:30 p.m.; McCormick Elementary Computer Lab*; \$75 (4-weeks). If you have a digital camera bring it with

you, if not we will try to provide one for you to use during the class.

Microsoft Word (Beginning)

Wed., Jan 18-Feb 8; 7-8:30 p.m.; Pattison Elementary Computer Lab; \$75. Microsoft Word for Beginners provides information and hands-on practice about the many functions including document formatting, mail merge, clip art, office templates and many more.

Microsoft Word (Intermediate)

Wed., Mar 1-22; 7-8:30 p.m.; Pattison Elementary Computer Lab; \$75. This class will focus on the more advanced features of Microsoft Word.

Introduction to Excel

Thur, Mar 2-30 (no class 3/16); 7-8:30 p.m.; Mulberry Elementary Computer Lab; \$75. Excel Introductory course provides instructions for creating simple worksheets and charts that are used for internal reports and data tracking.

Excel Advanced

Thur, Jan 26-Feb 16; 7-8:30 p.m.; Mulberry Elementary Computer Lab; \$75 (4-weeks). This course provides

instructions for utilizing the vast array of functions available.

Swing Dancing

East Coast Swing

Mon, Feb 6-Mar 13 (no class Feb 20); 7-8 p.m.; Smith Elementary Cafeteria*; Ages 12-90; \$45. Learn the most popular of nostalgic dances.

Creative Writing 101

Tues, Jan 24-Feb 14 (no class 1/31); 7-8:30 p.m.; Mulberry Elem. \$50. Award-winning writer Lonna Kingsbury shares her expertise.

*subject to change.

Kids Stuff

American Girls in History Celebrate Valentine's Day

Sat, Feb 4; 9-11 a.m.; LH at CP; 2nd grade and older; \$10/res, \$15/non-res. Come create a special Valentine's Day craft and explore how this holiday was celebrated long ago.

American Girls in History Pajama Party

Fri, Mar 31; 7-10 p.m.; 2nd grade and older; LH at CP; \$15 res/\$20 non-res. Girls are invited to come dressed

in their pajamas for an awesome evening full of classic "sleepover" activities.

Easter Extravaganza

Sat, April 8; 1-3 p.m.; LH at CP; FREE. The Easter Bunny will be making a special visit to Miami Township. He has invited children to come to the Leming House and share a treat with him. There will also be crafts and games. The egg hunt will begin at 2:30 p.m., so be sure to bring your basket. No reservations required.

Tumbling Level I

Thur, Mar 9-30; 5 yrs. & up; 4:15-5:15; Smith; \$40/res, \$45/non-res. This class will focus on developing skills needed for learning cartwheels, running cartwheels, round-offs, headstands, as well as working on strength, balance, and coordination.

Tumbling Level II

Thur, April 6 – May 4; (no class 4/13); 5 yrs. & up; 4:15 – 5:15; Smith; \$40/res, \$45/non-res. Children will continue to develop tumbling skills in this class. We will focus on running round-offs, kick-overs, back bends,

front limbers, walkovers, front hand-springs, and additional intermediate skills.

Pioneer Cooking

Sat, Mar 25; 9:30-noon; Grades 4-8; Promont House in Milford; \$12. Cooking outside over an open fire, our campers will learn about provisions and recipes from the Lewis & Clark expedition, wagon train and cowboy cookery, and Civil War soldier food, and in how meals were prepared at the Promont House by the Pattison Family during the Victorian Era.

Family Fun

Family Open Recreation

Fri, Mar 10; 7-9 p.m.; MHS Pool & Gym; \$5/family. There will be swimming, ping-pong, corn hole, basketball and family extreme dodge ball. Please bring a swimsuit, towel, gym shoes and proper gym attire.

Family Open Swim Night

Fri, Dec 9; Jan 27; Feb 24; 7-9 p.m.; MHS Pool; \$5/family (pool only, gym not open). Family Open Swim nights are designed for family fun. Please bring a swimsuit and towel.

Kindermusik

Kindermusik is one place to dance, sing, play and learn about instruments, share a story, create, compare, explore, and more. Contact Cathy Siebert at 231-3973 for class

information, and to ask about observing a class free.

Perfect North Slopes

Fri, Jan 13 and/or Fri, Feb 17; 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Ages 7-12; \$35/res, \$40/non-res; Ages 13-59 \$40/res, \$45/non-res; Bus leaves from CP at 9 a.m. sharp. Milford Exempted Village School children are not in school on these days. Bring the whole family out for a fun day of skiing.

Pet First Aid & CPR

Sat, Jan 28; 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; LH at CP; \$25/res, \$30/non-res (cost includes pet 1st aid book). Basic information for recognizing and treating illnesses and injuries in cats and dogs.

Women's Self-Defense

Wed, Mar 22; 6-10 p.m.; Mulberry

Elementary; \$10/res \$15/non-res. Join the Miami Township Police Department for self-defense training. Learn easy, practical ways to defend yourself.

Easter Extravaganza

Sat, April 8; 1-3 p.m.; LH at CP; FREE. The Easter Bunny will be making a very special visit to Miami Township. The egg hunt will begin at 2:30 p.m., so be sure to bring your basket. No reservations required.

Dog Obedience

Mon, April 17-June 12 (no class 5/29); 7-8 p.m.; CP; \$100/res, \$105/non-res. Teach your dog to sit, stay, come, & walk on a leash. Please leave your dog at home the first night. Kids must be 12 years and older. Cost include a manual.

Free Book Swap

Tired of all those books collecting dust? Drop off your gently used books, magazines, movie & music videos at the Leming House in Community Park on Friday, February 24th from 3-6 p.m. and receive a ticket for each item donated. Items will be sorted & organized with the help of Emily Wichman of Clermont County Public Library, Milford-Miami Twp Branch. Please return on Saturday, February 25 from 9-noon to exchange each ticket for a same type item. Remaining items will be donated. While browsing, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, and snacks provided by "Kitchen Cuisine". Call 248-3725 ext. 116 with any questions.

Visit us online at www.MiamiTownshipOh.gov
for more info on programs and events

Dec

Jan

Feb

March

Arts & Crafts

Learn to Knit

Tue; Jan 3-Feb 7; or Feb 21-Mar 28; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; LH at CP; \$25/res, \$30/non-res. In this beginning knitting class you will learn to cast on, knit, purl, and bind off. More advanced stitches will be learned as class progresses. Begin by making a scarf, and then move on to other simple projects as skills increase. Supplies: 1 skein of knitting worsted yarn (solid color; please, no fancy yarns yet), a pair of size 8 or 10 knitting needles. Advanced knitters, sign up and bring your own projects for assistance.

Beginning Crochet

Mon; Mar 6-Apr 3; 6:30-8 p.m.; LH

at CP; \$25/res, \$30/non-res. Instructor Samia Farhat will teach chain stitch, single and double crochet, and more on the way to completing a simple project. Please bring a size "G" crochet hook and a skein of worsted weight yarn for practice.

Sew Many Quilters

Meets first Tues of every month; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; LH; \$2/res per month, \$4/non-res per month. Time to gather with other quilters to share projects and ideas. For those who always wanted to quilt- NOW is the time! If you don't have the supplies, we will share our ideas & a supplies list. Project Linus will discuss their mission at the Tue., Feb. 7th class.

Afterschool Programs

To register, please fill out a registration form and mail with check to Miami Township Recreation Department, 5900 McPicken Drive, Milford, OH 45150. Pre-registration required for all classes. These programs are open to private, public & home-school students.

Advanced Drama

Wed, Jan 25 – May 10 (no class 4/12); 4-5:15, 4th gr. & up, Mulberry, \$90. This class is designed for students with experience on the stage. Students will learn character development, how to audition for a show, costuming, finding props and the function of a director.

The ABC's of Acting

For Beginners in grade 3 and up; Tues, Feb 7-Apr 18 (no class 2/28 & 4/11); 4-5:15 p.m.; Leming House; \$55; Thinking about acting? Join Lonna Kingsbury and learn how!

Cheerleading

Mon, Feb 6-Apr 24 (no class 2/20 & 4/10); K-3rd, 4-5 p.m.; Leming House; \$50. Learn cheers, chants and dance steps along with some time to practice basic tumbling moves.

Tae Kwon Do

Mon, Feb 6-Apr 24 (no class 2/20, 4/10); 1st-3rd, 4:15-5:15; 4th & up, 5:30-6:30; Mulberry; \$35; Wed, Feb 8-Apr 26 (no class 4/12); 1st-3rd, 4-5 p.m.; 4th & up, 5:15-6:15; Smith; \$35.

Students take a disciplined approach toward learning this martial art. Improve self-esteem and physical condition.

Gymnastics

Wed, Jan 11-Feb 15; 5-7yrs, 4-4:45; 8yrs and up, 5-5:45; Smith; \$35. This is an excellent way to enhance overall strength and flexibility.

Drawing & Watercolor

Mon, Jan 23-Feb 13; 5-6 p.m.; LH; ages 7-12; \$20. Let go of the winter blues and explore the world of watercolors & drawing.

Extreme Dodgeball

Tue; Feb 7- Mar 28; 4-5 p.m.; Meadowview Elem; \$30; Wed; Feb 8-Mar 29; 4-5 p.m.; McCormick Elem; \$30; Thur; Feb 9-Mar 30; 4-5 p.m.; Smith Elem.; \$30. For 4th – 6th graders. Open to boys & girls. Limited enrollment.

Intro to Girls' Volleyball

Mon & Thur, March 30-April 27; (no class 4/10, 4/13); grades 4-6; 4:30-5:30 or 5:30-6:30; MJH gym; \$25. This is an introductory session for the beginner volleyball player.

Financial assistance scholarships are available to Miami Township residents who meet assistance requirements. Please contact Miami Township Recreation Department at 248-3725, ext. 116 for scholarship application or for any questions you may have.

Senior Events

Senior Spring Fling

Saturday, April 29; 5-8 p.m. at Milford First United Methodist Church; \$10/person. Miami Township salutes our Seniors with the 2nd Annual Senior Spring Fling. Come out for dinner and dancing to the music. Menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, and a vegetable. Only \$10 a person includes dinner, beverages, dessert & entertainment. (Pre-registration required.) Food will be catered by Miami Market.

Infant, Toddlers & Preschool

Infant, Toddler, Preschool Playgroup

Session 3: Jan 5-Feb. 16
Session 4: Feb 23-Apr 6
Session 5: Apr 13-May 25
Thurs; 9:30-11a.m. or 1-2:30 p.m.; LH at CP; \$25/res family, \$30/non-res family. Playgroup is a great opportunity to have some one-on-one time exploring activities with your child/children.

Tumbling Tykes

Thurs, Jan 12-Feb 2 or Feb 9-Mar 2; 3-4 yrs. 3-3:45; 4-5 yrs. 4-4:45; LH at CP; \$35/res, \$40/non-res. This class will help to encourage and develop physical fitness in children at an early age.

Miami Township is excited to be offering new fun-filled classes for children ages 2-5. From making messes to tea parties and learning the ABC's, there is sure to be something for everyone. All classes require pre-registration. Instructor Kelly Spillman is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and has been in childcare for the last 12 years. She has 2 children and has taught "Hooked on Phonics" for the last 5 years.

Session I Sensory Sensations

Mon, Jan 2- 30 (no class 1/16); 2-5 yrs., 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$35/res, \$40/non-res. Want to let your child be messy, but can't stand the clean-up? Then, bring your little one to us.

Goo, Gak and Playdoh

Tue, Jan 3- 31; 2-5 yrs., 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$45/res, \$50/non-res. Each week children will make a creation from scratch.

From A-Z

Fri, Jan 6-Feb 3; 2-5 yrs.; 9:15-10:15 a.m., or 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$40/res, \$45/non-res; Jan 6, Aa; Jan 13, Bb; Jan 20, Cc; Jan 27, Dd; Feb 3, EeFf. Come and learn the alphabet.

Games Galore

Fri, Jan 6-Feb 3; 3-5 yrs.; 10:30-11:30 or 12:45-1:45; LH at CP; \$30/res, \$35/non-res. Help your little one learn how to play board games.

Session II

Calling all Rescue Heroes!

Mon, Feb 6-Mar 6; 2-5 yrs.; 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$25/res, \$30/non-res. Come for an afternoon of adventurous play. If your little one loves to play Rescue Heroes, this class is just right.

Time for Tea!

Tue, Feb 7-Mar 7; 2-5 yrs.; 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$35/res, \$40/non-res. Perfect for the tea party princess in your house.

From A-Z Continued

Fri, Feb 10-Mar 10; 2-5 yrs.; 9:15-10:15 or 2-3 p.m.; LH at CP; \$40/res, \$45/non-res; Feb 10, Gg; Feb 17, Hh; Feb 24, IiJj; Mar 3, Kk; Mar 10, Ll. Continue to learn the alphabet.

Midday Movie Fridays

Fri, Feb 10-Mar 10; 2-5 yrs.; 10:30-12 or 12:15-1:45; LH at CP; \$30/res, \$35/non-res. What a perfect way to spend a chilly afternoon, watching a movie with friends.

Visit us online at www.MiamiTownshipOh.gov for more info on programs and events

Miami Township Recreation Department - General Registration Form

Participant Name: _____ Parent/Guardian If Minor: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____ M or F Grade: _____

How would like us to send a registration confirmation notice? ☐ Email ☐ US Mail

Event Name	Date	Time	Location	Fee
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Release: Recognizing the risk and possibility of injury associated with participation in Miami Township recreation programs and in consideration of Miami Township offering the programs at a nominal fee and accepting the participant into the program and activities, I for myself, my heir, successors, administrators and assigns hereby release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio, The Board of Trustees of Miami Township, as well as all employees and/or agents of these entities from any and all claims by or on behalf of the participant, the participant's heirs, administrators and assigns as a result of participating in the Miami Township recreational programs. I further certify that the participant is physically fit and capable of participating in all activities required by the recreational programs and that participating in the recreation programs will not pose a risk of physical harm to any participant. In addition, I grant permission for my child to participate in all activities, including field trips with transportation provided by Miami Township in connection with the program(s) in which I have enrolled my child.

Authorization for Medical Treatment: In the event participant receives an injury requiring medical attention of any type, I hereby authorize Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio or its employees or agents to consent to whatever treatment is medically necessary and hereby release those entities from any claims whatsoever arising from that consent. I also give Miami Township representatives permission to transport my child to the nearest available medical/dental facility for emergency medical care, although this form does not authorize or guarantee treatment upon arrival at the designated facility, as each facility sets its own treatment procedures.

Authorization to Use Image and Photographic Likeness: In the event the participant or my photograph or other image is taken or created during the participant or my participation in this program, in consideration of the acceptance of the participant in the program, I authorize Miami Township to use my photograph or other image for any purpose and without compensation.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian if under 18: _____ Witness: _____

Mail or drop off this form with check/money order payable to **Miami Township Recreation Dept, 5900 McPicken Drive, Miami Township, OH 45150**
For questions, please call 513-248-3725, Ext. 112. No phone registration permitted. Event information can be found at www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PART ONLY IF THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR

Mother's Name: _____ Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

Father's Name: _____ Address: _____ Work Phone: _____

List two people who can be contacted in the event of an emergency if the parent cannot be reached:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Please complete the following health-care information:

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Dentist's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Does your child have any fears or problems you are aware of: _____

Please list all allergies and any special precautions and treatments indicated for these allergies, and any chronic medical problems:

Please circle if your child is prone to: Nosebleeds Headaches Ear Aches Vomiting Easily Tonsillitis Stomach Aches

List any other persons that has your authorization to pick up your child:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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Vehicle fires on the rise in U.S.

Vehicle fires claimed more lives in this country last year than apartment fires, according to a new study by the National Fire Protection Association.

The study calls vehicle fires “a major component of the fire death problem.”

In 2004, 19 percent of the 1,550,500 reported fires were vehicle fires. An estimated 550 people died and 1,500 were injured in 297,000 vehicle fires, at a cost of more than \$1.3 billion in property damage.

During the four-year period of 1999-2002, an estimated 270,000 highway vehicle fires were reported per year, resulting in an average of 380 civilian deaths, 1,310 civilian injuries and \$1 billion in property damage.

What causes these fires? Nearly half the time (48 percent), mechanical failure or malfunction, such as leaks,



- *Maintain your car. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for scheduled maintenance. Have any mechanical or electrical problems repaired promptly.*
- *If a fire starts in a vehicle you are driving, pull over to the*

side of the road if possible, stop the vehicle, turn off the engine, get out of the vehicle and move away quickly.

- *Call the fire department. Do not attempt to open the hood or fight a fire on your own.*

breaks, backfires or worn-out parts, is to blame. Nearly one out of four cases (23 percent) results from electrical failure or malfunction. Equipment failure is a more common cause of fire among older vehicles. Some 15 percent of these fires are intentionally set. Collisions or over-

turns caused only 3 percent of the highway vehicle fires, but 57 percent of the associated fire deaths. Two-thirds of highway vehicle fires start in the engine, running gear or wheel area, but fuel tank or fuel line fires pose the highest death risk, according to the study.

Miami Township EMS going 'paperless'

Miami Township Fire/EMS personnel are utilizing a new device to record patient information and treatment procedures digitally.

Paramedics are using a tablet PC device and specialized software to record information about patients during EMS runs. The information can be uploaded to a network system to virtually eliminate errors and redundancy in completing often-voluminous amounts of paperwork.

“When fully implemented, I think our personnel will enjoy having the tablet PC,” said Fire Chief Jim Whitworth. “With the advent of the tablet PC hardware, it became clear that an electronic record was going to be essential. It really was not only the wave of the future, but a practical thing

to do.”

Reading other people's handwriting is never an easy process, but it becomes more difficult when someone just responded to a life-threatening call and saved a person's life in the middle of the night, and is now trying to scribble out what they did at 3 a.m. under stressful circumstances.

“The legibility of this documentation is important,” said Assistant Fire Chief Dan Mack. “Pre-hospital care documentation provides important information for organizations and can help improve patient care.”

Additionally, the paper-filing system leads to a number of HIPAA concerns if proper procedures are not in place to control access to the files.



Miami Township Paramedic Vince Bee uses the tablet PC to record patient information.

From The Chief

When hurricanes ravaged Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas, Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic Barry Mesley and I were called to respond. Lt. Mesley deployed as part of Ohio Task Force 1, one of the federal Urban Search

and Rescue Teams based at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton.

Lt. Mesley rode through Rita in the AstroDome in Houston, and then spent the next several days in the St. Charles, La., area searching for victims in collapsed, abandoned, and/or flooded structures. Thanks to Barry for his sacrifice and efforts to ease the suffering of the residents of Louisiana.

While helping coordinate the deployment of an Ohio Incident Management Team (6 persons) and a Fire Task Force (6 engines, 2 aerial trucks, and 38 personnel) I was presented an opportunity to monitor the activities of a federal incident management team in the Texas area. San Antonio was one of the primary evacuation centers for Katrina, and subsequently Rita. The trip was an extremely valuable experience. Although I went to observe the technical aspects of how an IMT operates in a large-scale event, I left with much more. I was witness to one of our nation's greatest humanitarian efforts. May God bless and give strength to those whose lives were turned upside down. And, may He give them a new vision and a new purpose in a new place.



Chief Whitworth

FOR MORE ON THEIR EFFORTS IN TEXAS, INCLUDING PHOTOS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov.

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Detective helps solve several big cases

Thanks to excellent police work by Miami Township Police Detective John Swing, several major cases were concluded recently.

•Andrew Azbill was sentenced October 24 in a Clermont County court to 10 years in prison for aggravated robbery and felonious assault of a 76-year-old Miami Township woman he viciously attacked on June 8.

•The investigation into the death of Clara Yoder that oc-

curred in May 2005 was concluded with a grand jury indictment of Caroline Scott, for the charge of involuntary manslaughter.

•Detective Swing charged Dennis McClendon with the offense of rape after an investigation into the rape of a 13-year of age juvenile.



Detective Swing

•Detective Swing arrested Kenneth Brinegar, Jr. on felonious assault at the Pebble Brooke Apartments.

•Detective Swing charged Timothy Lee of the Milford Commons Apartments with breaking and entering and vandalism after he allegedly broke into the Ameristop on SR 28 and stole several cartons of cigarettes. Detective Swing took the case to Crime Stoppers and other local media and received a tip from a citizen.

Miami Township Police bust \$750,000 scam

Miami Township Police arrested two individuals and charged them with scamming the public of \$750,000

with a bogus charity that supposedly helped local seniors.

In June 2004, Miami Township Police Detective Bill Paul began an investigation into the activities of an organization known as Seniors Helping Seniors, operated by Betty Lemberg Gaddie and Robert Lemberg.

The organization was registered as a non-profit 501c3 organization. It was formed in the mid 1980's to benefit the senior citizens of Clermont and Brown county by claiming to provide financial aide by paying medical bills, providing transportation to and from medical appointments and helping with the purchase of food or payment of utility bills.

The funds were derived from selling pull-tab type lot-



Detective Paul

Officer Murray arrests road-rage suspect

Miami Township Police apprehended a man accused of ramming a vehicle and injuring its passengers, then trying to hide from arrest.

On September 18, Jason Lehman was accused of ramming his car on Ohio 131 during a road rage incident. A female driver and two male passengers, both of who exited the car and approached Lehman's vehicle after the collision, were hit by Lehman when he gunned the engine and struck both of the males, knocking them into the air.

Lehman's car became inoperable and he fled the scene, leaving the two badly injured males on the roadway. He ran into a nearby convenience store, and then fled onto Day Drive, where he was captured by Miami Township Police Officer Kevin Murray after he tried to break into a residence.

Mr. Lehman was charged with five felony counts and DUI.



Officer Murray

tery tickets, scratch offs and instant bingo at the Lemberg's small shop called 28 Instants in a strip mall in the 1000 block of State Route 28 in Miami Township.

During his investigation, Detective Bill Paul discovered no evidence of assistance ever having been rendered to any senior citizen. All indications point to the income of Seniors Helping Seniors being used solely for the personal use and

benefit of the officers of the organization, which include the Lemberg's.

The Clermont County Grand Jury returned indictments against the duo. The Lembergs are accused of Aggravated Theft and Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity, both felonies.

Both subjects are currently awaiting trial on the charges in Clermont County court.

From The Chief

The holiday season has arrived, and here are some tips to make your travels safe. First, never leave valuables

in your car, and always lock the vehicle. When you travel, know where you are going and

how to get there and back. Check for construction detours; for longer trips, get a weather forecast.

If traveling out-of-state, most state law enforcement agencies provide road-and-highway information; check to see what conditions they report before leaving. Inform a family member where you will be and when to expect you back; give them your route if they don't know it.

Travel and conduct your business during daylight hours if possible. Lock doors and windows when getting into your car and keep them locked while driving.

If you have access to a cellular telephone, carry or take it.

When driving, keep doors locked and windows rolled up. Maintain at least half a tank of fuel, and keep vehicle in good repair.

Make a habit of checking your fuel gauge whenever you start driving, and routinely "top off" your tank to prevent unexpected, untimely and dangerous roadside emergencies.



Chief Bailey

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This month on Miami Township TeleVision ...



'Are You Prepared?': Disaster readiness

Miami Township Fire Chief Jim Whitworth and Miami Township Police Chief Steve Bailey lead you through a program to get you and your family prepared in case of a natural disaster, or in the event of a terrorist attack. It's what every family needs!



Recreation Roundup

Recreation Director Krystin Thibodeau takes you through the department's monthly happenings in the community.



Milford Matters

The Milford Board of Education's monthly meetings, and other informative programs on the schools.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Miami Township's Fine Arts Weekend Sampler is Feb. 11-12

The Fine Arts Sampler Weekend is a Cincinnati tradition, with local arts groups offering free performances all weekend.

Several performances will take place in Miami Township during the Feb. 11-12 weekend at Leming House in Community Park at 5951 Buckwheat Road.

Founded in 1949, the Fine Arts Fund provides annual operating support for 8 member organizations: The Cincinnati Art Museum; Cincinnati Ballet; Cincinnati Opera; Playhouse in the Park; Cincinnati Symphony; Contemporary Arts Center; May Festival; and Taft Museum. Also, the group has 11 associate members: Arts Consortium of Cincinnati; ArtWorks; Carnegie Visual + Performing Arts Center; Children's Theatre; Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra; Cincinnati Shakespeare Festival; Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati; Fitton Center for Creative Arts; Kentucky Symphony Orchestra; Madcap Productions Puppet Theatre and Theatre IV.

For more information call (513) 871-2787, or the Miami Township Recreation department at 248-3725, ext. 116. You can also visit the Miami Township website at www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov and visit the Recreation Department page.

Saturday, February 11

9:00-9:45 a.m. – Make Your Own Musical Instrument from objects found around your house with the staff of the Clermont County Library.

10:00-10:45 a.m. – Kindermusik. Discover how much fun it is to take a class with your child(ren) from 1-4 years of age. You will hear the story of Shiny Dinah the train and sing, dance, listen and play instruments.

11:15-1:15 – Experience Art Around The World! Barb Brown leads this awesome hands-on art exploration. Pick up your passport and travel to Africa, Mexico, South America and Italy as you will make a unique painted tile. This is open for children Kindergarten – 6th grade.

2:15-3:00 p.m. – Hands Up! Puppet Troupe from the Clermont County Library will explore the world of puppets and learn how to make your very own.

3:15-4 p.m. – Creative Communications - Kids of all ages will join local writer and Miami Township's very own "Poet Laureate", Lonna Kingsbury, for hands-on creative communication



where every person shares their personal story in a fun, non-competitive environment.

4:15-5 p.m. See what young thespians are doing in Milford, directed by Linda Roll. Prepare to laugh and have a good time. You never know what will happen when you are dealing with kids!

5:15-6:15 p.m. – Bill Knepp, Miami Township's Town Crier, will train kids in the responsibilities of the Town Crier including bell ringing during Colonial Days. Once this training is complete they will receive a certificate of completion.

Sunday, February 12

1:00-1:45 p.m. – Kindermusik See Saturday's event for info.

2:00-2:45 p.m. – Dreamweaver's Storytelling Troupe from the Clermont County Library tell their tales.

3:00-3:45 p.m. – Milford Theatre Guild. Check out one of Clermont County's premiere theatre troupes as the members entertain you. This group has been serving the Miami Township area for over 10 years.

4:00-4:45 p.m. To Journey Within: Local writer/resident "Poet Laureate", Lonna Kingsbury will guide you in the art of creative journaling. Come discover the artist inside of you.

5:00-5:45 p.m. – Make a Creative Journal or Scrapbook with the staff of the Clermont County Library.

6-6:45 p.m. Poetry Reading – hosted by Lonna Kingsbury. Join featured poets from Poets Anonymous reading their latest poems. Bring along your own poetry and share it during open microphone.



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Nominate a 'Good Neighbor'!

Nominate a neighbor who deserves a pat on the back. The 'Good Neighbor' Award honors contributions to the Miami Township community. Please visit www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov.



Visit www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov
or Channel 8/15 on Time Warner Cable
for information on the community

Miami Township wants to keep you informed about your community with a new feature to its website. "Keep In Touch" allows residents to receive periodic information via email about happenings in Miami Township. Visit www.MiamiTownshipOH.gov to sign up.



Miami Township Trustees attend national conference

Miami Township Board of Trustees Chairwoman Mary Makley Wolff (above left) received a leadership award from Michael Cochran of the Ohio Township Association, during a meeting of the National Association of Towns and Township's annual conference in Washington DC. Miami Township Trustee Ed Humphrey (above right) made a presentation on snow fighting at the conference, too.



Good Neighbors!

Several residents were recently honored with "Good Neighbor Awards" by the Miami Township Board of Trustees. The Lilies of the Valley Garden Club, under the guidance of Betty Anderson, Kim Chamberland and Cari Kehr (above photo), were honored for their work with the Miami Township and Milford Public Library. Mike Jackson and Donna Jackson (at left) and George Roberts (below left) were honored for helping police solve local crimes.